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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON ZAIRE DEVELOPMENTS

1. AFTER EMBOFFS GAVE DIRECTOR MFA AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AHMED SIDQI INFO FROM LATEST SHABA SITREPS AND COPY OF PD ON ZAIRE, SIDQI EXPRESSED GOE SATISFACTION WITH FRENCH AND BELGIAN OPERATIONS IN SHABA. SIDQI ENDORSED U.S. ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF FRENCH AND BELGIANS AND STATED THAT EGYPTIAN EMBASSIES IN MODERATE AFRICAN STATES (E.G. CAMEROON) HAD REPORTED FAVORABLE REACTION.

2. EGYPTIANS HAVE HEARD THAT BOTH GABON AND SENEGAL CURRENTLY CONSIDERING DISPATCH OF TOKEN ELEMENTS TO SHABA IN SUPPORT OF FRENCH AND BELGIANS TO DEMONSTRATE ANTI-KATANGAN OPERATIONS NOT STRICTLY WESTERN UNDER-
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TAKING. GOE NOT CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATING ANY INVOLVEMENT IN SHABA, EVEN SYMBOLIC, BUT EGYPTIAN MILITARY ATTACHE KINSHASA HAS BEEN QUERIED BY ZAIRE MILITARY CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF GOE PROVIDING SPARE PARTS FOR 120 MM ARTILLERY PIECES. GOE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM ZAIRE. IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SHABA, SIDQI GAVE IMPRESSION THAT, IF ZAIRE REQUEST

FORTHCOMING, GOE MAY MOVE TO MAKE SOME SPARE PARTS
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